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Exec. Park's future still up in the air

By Matthew Brady

Visitacion Valley had a dream that when Campeau of California opened its Executive Park there would be 6,440 permanent positions available to people living south of Market.

The Executive Park site, viewed from Bayview Park.

The Valley desperately needed a large new employer because Southern Pacific Railway and Schlage Lock Company, which at one time employed thousands of neighborhood residents, have reduced their work forces. All eyes were on Campeau, a Toronto-based corporation, to bring prosperity and full employment to the district through the building and developrment of its Executive Park.

But now the Campeau dream has been put in the company safe, for on a Sunday afternoon, January 13, 1990, at 3:10 p.m., the corporation filed a petition with the San Francisco Bankruptcy Court on the 15th floor at 450 Golden Gate Avenue.

The approximately 16,000 people living in the Valley, the 1,000 people living in Little Hollywood, and the high population in the South Bayshore now must wake up in the morning facing new turmoil in an already overstressed life.

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State buys endangered San Bruno Mtn. land

By Louise Kohut

Every so often a sweet business deal can make even Mother Nature smile.

Last Dec. 19, about 93 acres of San Bruno Mountain known as Owl and Buckeye Canyons were purchased by the state and will be preserved as open space where nature will be left undisturbed. And, residents, state agency officials, public officials and conservationists who were involved in the deal are calling it a "win-win situation."

I 'm very proud to have been a part of this project. Everyone worked together on it," said Bennett Johnston, the senior project manager for The Trust for Public Land, a private non-profit conservation organization that arranged the purchase of the property and sold it to the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Board is a state agency that purchases land on behalf of Department of Fish and Game.

The land purchased for $1.32 million with funds from the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act, also known as Proposition 70, from Ralph and Marie Johnston, private owners of the property and also owners of the nearby Brisbane Quarry. The quarry had owned this land about 10 years and was planning to develop it.

Although the Johnstons agreed to sell the land to the state for less than half of its fair market value, they feel they were adequately compensated for it. Indeed , Mr. Johnston expressed his concern over the environmental issue in preserving this land as open space that was expressed by environmental groups and public officials.

It's a beautiful piece of land and I'm happy it will be preserved for prosperity," said Mr. Johnston .

Also extremely happy about this land purchase is Bay Area Mountain Watch, an environmental group that wants to keep San Bruno Mountain pure. The preservation of Owl and

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She gives some TLC to unfulfilled foliage

By Gerry Galvan

Once assistant to the owners of a big time nursery in Visitacion Valley, Carla Stitt is in the plant business again.

The business cards Carla hands out to friends and acquaintances carry such eye-catching logos as "Carla's Plant Care: Personal TLC for All Occasions."

I got hold of one of Carla's calling cards and suggested that her story might be good copy for GRAPEVINE readers. Carla readily agreed to an interview.

"I believe that with my experience at the Gatti nursery on Britton Street, I am in an excellent position to go

Carla Stitt

rotate their pots, check the soil, and talk to your plant as required.

"I suggest bi-weekly visits for optimally healthy plants. Additional services include leasing plants, repotting, tying, bracing, application of necessary vitamins, installing new moss, and I also provide flowers and plants for special occasions."

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Centervoice

By Julie Kavanagh

1990 is a very important year for Visitacion Valley. Not only is it the beginning of a new decade, but it is the year in which the United States Government does the census. The census numbers are used for many important purposes that we all should be interested in. For instance, the government and many foundations use census figures to determine whether and how much to fund local governments, schools, non-profit agencies. This has directly to do with your roads and highways, schools, health centers and hospitals, senior centers, childcare centers, libraries, recreation centers... all kinds of services valuable to neighborhoods like ours. The census data also determines how many representatives a community can have in the U.S. Congress. We use census data here at VVCC, also. It helps us in planning for new programs and in applying for funding for those programs. The kind of information it shows is: how many people live in a neighborhood, ethnic balance of an area, income levels, density of housing, education levels, employment/unemployment, ages (how many seniors, children, etc), and more.

They only do the census every 10 years, and things change a lot in 10 years. Some people do not like the idea of "being counted", and they try to avoid the census takers. This can cause problems later, for instance when the neighborhood wants to have a new public health clinic and the government turns the request down because they think that there are not enough people in the area, or that income levels are too high, or that there are not enough people of a certain characteristic to be able to use the facility. If the children are not counted, it is hard to justify adding subsidized spaces in childcare programs. The bottom line is, that whatever numbers the census taker gets are the numbers that we have to live with for the next ten years.

The last census showed in 1980 that Visitacion Valley had 25,645 persons living here. Of those, 8,834 were Black, 7,220 were Asian or Pacific Islanders, 5,667 were Caucasian, 2,121 were Hispanic, 132 were American Indian and 2,113 were "Other". Children and youth made up 35% of our numbers, while 9% were Senior Citizens. Unemployment ran at 9% and 17.8% were below the poverty line. Of the adults in the Valley, 60% had graduated from high school. In housing arrangements, 17% of the families in the Valley had more than one person living in each room of their home, including the bathroom. The per capita income was $6,267 per year. Has this changed? What do you think? There is only one way to find out: look for the census taker between now and June, when they will be interviewing and/or distribution forms. If you get a form, fill it out and send it in. If you are asked for an interview, please give it gladly. It will mean better things down the line for the neighborhood and hopefully more attention to a neighborhood that has been ignored by our government in the recent past.

On another note, the Census Bureau will be hiring workers. Most will be assigned near their homes. the jobs pay from $6.50 to $7.50 per hour, based on geographic location. You must be at least 18 years of age (or 16 with a high school diploma or GED). You must complete an application, present documentation of employment eligibility and take a written test. If you are interested, call 243-8916.

Self-Esteem goes public

By Pat Christensen

San Francisco public school students are preparing an exhibition of poster art, essays, poems and slogans with the theme, "What Self-Esteem Means to Me." as part of the City's celebration of Self-Esteem Month in California.

The exhibit will be officially opened on Thursday, February 15 during a public forum beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2C of City Hall. Thereafter, it will be displayed in the City Hall Rotunda for one week.

Mayor Art Agnos and Supervisor Wendy Nelder, author of the legislation which created the San Francisco Task Force will welcome Assemblyman John Vasconcellos who wrote the legislation from which the California Task Force was formed. Assemblyman Vasconcellos will keynote the forum which will explore the findings of the State Task Force as well as presenting a progress report from the San Francisco Task Force.

Boys and girls from the Omega Boys Club will recite original poetry and through other media express their feelings about how self-esteem impacts on their lives. Students from the public schools will perform.

Everyone is invited to attend and meet the members of the City's Task Force and learn about the work in progress. The San Francisco Task Force was formed almost two years ago and has been working on a report to be presented to Mayor Agnos this spring. The Task Force is seeking public input to the skeleton of the report and would welcome associate members for this final phase of their work.

For further information call 821-6334 or 922-2244.

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From Our Readers

Dear Editor,

Now that we, I sincerely hope, had appreciated holidays, I am asking for your help in giving 1990 a good start.

Crime has nearly tripled in our area and I have asked the new Captain James Arnold to please attend our first meeting in 1990 on January 26, Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

Capt. James Arnold

Please attend our first meeting as stated above. At this meeting, we will have election of officers. The usual five Lottery tickets will be given away. Refreshments are served after every meeting.

Listed below is a schedule of meetings for the following three months: Friday, February 23, 7:30p.m. (regular meeting) Friday, March 23, 7:30p.m. (regular meeting) Friday, April 27, 7:30p.m. (bingo night).

Dues for 1990 are now payable to Henry Schindel, 91 Leland Avenue, for only $2.

Thank you and we hope to see you all at our first meeting.

Henry Schindel
President
Visitacion Valley
Improvement
Association

Viewpoint

By Sylvia Gomez

If you ask people, as I have, "How would you like a society in which each person works to contribute what he or she can, and each receives what he or she needs?" Many people will answer, "Sounds great to me, but Joe, he wouldn't like it," or "That's how we run our family. Could an entire society function like that?"

Some people, of course, will tell you they like to "do their own thing," but many, many people find the ideas of collectivity and equality exciting and natural. They remember with satisfaction those times during a strike or community crisis when "everyone pulled together." As these same people if they share some communist ideas; they will be surprised. There have been so many lies and so much misinformation about communism and about history. Unfortunately, articles like that by Mr. Gerry Galvan in the last issue of the GRAPEVINE reinforce these false ideas. I thank the editors for the opportunity to respond.

"From each according to his ability;' to each according to his need" is how Marx and Engels described the future communist society. When I first read these words, as a high school student, I responded as had millions of workers, peasants and students from China to Chile to Chicago: How refreshing to see an accurate description of the exploitation I saw around me! How exhilarating to imagine a world where working people ran things for their own benefit! I was also impressed by the members of the communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) who were trying to make multi-racial unity, male/female equality and collective struggle a reality in our lives.

To readers of the PLP newspaper, Challenge-Desafio, the recent news from Eastern Europe comes as no surprise. The new ruling class of the Soviet Union and its allies abandoned communist principles and started back on the capitalist road many years ago. This space does not allow a detailed explanation of the past 150 years of class struggle to look at the many contributions of the old communist movement (unions, unemployment insurance, social security), or to trace the mistakes that have led so-called "communists" to embrace the enemies of the world's workers. But let no one think that these developments spell peace and prosperity for the poor anywhere.

What kind of peace and prosperity has capitalism given us? According to UNICEF, the United Nations' Children's Fund, 40,000 children around the world die every day from preventable or treatable causes such as dehydration from diarrhea, lack of vaccinations, pneumonia, etc. **40,000 children!**

The UNICEF report states that these children could be saved for about $2.5 Billion dollars a year OR 2 percent of the total military expenditures in Asia, Africa and Latin America OR what U. S. tobacco companies spend in advertising OR what is spent on vodka in the Soviet Union. How can anyone seriously think that the rulers of the world are going to spontaneously change their priorities?

From South Africa to the South Bronx ask people what capitalism is offering our young people; racism, war, unemployment, drugs and alcohol. In the past few months alone, U. S. troops have been involved in fighting in El Savlador, the Philippines, as well as

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Embarcadero Freeway must come down

By Bill Maher

Considered by many to be a blight on San Francisco's waterfront, the Embarcadero Freeway once again has become the centerpiece of a broad coalitions's efforts to remove it. The massive concrete strucure has been closed since the October 17 earthquake, and many of us would like to see the remain that way - permanently.

The freeway was originaly built to connect the Bay Bridge with the Golden Gate Bridge, but environmental and neighborhood activists managed to halt the project midway. It is now a giant stacking lane for cars heading onto the Bay Bridge and 101, a function that many believe could be achieved more safley and as efficienfly, as an at-grade roadway with on and off-ramps to the Bay Bridge and 101.

In the City, debate surrounding this issue has been lively. Factors such as saftey, cost and alternatives have been raised by both sides to iustifv their positions on keeping the freeway up, or replacing it with a gound-level roadway. CALTRANS, the state bureacracy which builds and maintains our elaborate freeway system, appears commited to reopen the Embarcadero, even before saftey reports have been completed and analyzed. Although CALTRANS engineers have said that had the earthquake lasted five seconds longer, the Embarcadero Freeway would have collasped, CALTRANS is intended on preserving its bureaucratic honor by reopening this part of the system.

Evidence shows that CALTRANS has long been aware of the disaterous effect an earthquake would have on our bridges and freeways, particularlyon conrete elevated freeways such as the Cypress section of the Nimitz, and the Embarcadero freeway. These two freeways were both built in the late 1950's and of a design and construction that freeway engineers today consider substandard and obsolete. However, during the past thirty years, CALTRANS largely ignored the need for seismic retrofit of existing structures in favor of more and more freeway building in a futile effort to ease traffic congestion. How their engineers claim that with enough steel and concrete wrapped around its columns, the Embarcadero will be safe for use.

Absent from these claims has been any consideration by the agency of cost, alternatives, and aesthetics. CALTRANS' own preliminary estimates put the cost of reopening the Embaraadero Freeway at over $80 million. This figure includes about $15 million to temporarily shore it up, and an additional $65 million for a permanent solution. And, like a Defence Department budget, these figures could easily escalate - the repair work on the Bay Bridge was 250 % over budget. In a time of tight fiscal circumstances, the leaders of CALTRANS must ask themselves whether this money is going to be spent merely propping up an obsolete, unwanted structure.

The alternative plan calls for replacing the freeway with surface-level roadway ringing the northern waterfront from Fort Mason to Mission Bay. The environmental amd traffoc o,[acts were extemsove;u stidoed om 1985 when a full environmental impact report was issued. The report found that traffic would not be significantly slowed; in fact, the average trip from downtown to the East Bay would at most be two minutes longer.

Additionally, the freeway's future impinges on mass transit projects planned for the northern waterfront, particularly the MUNI turnaround proposed for the foot of Market street directly underneath the freeway structure. Bechtel has estimated that the removal of

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A museum made just for the kids

By Gerry Galvan

Some 40 grade school children from Visitacion Valley Elementary School, accompanied by teachers, Mrs. Violeta R. Galvan and Ms. Josette Williams, recently had an experience which they will long remember.

They made a group tour of the Bay Area Discover Museum, 428 Town Center in Corte Madera. The trip included a 45 minute bus ride across the Golden Gate Bridge from Visitacion Valley.

Ms. Williams, the able and energetic para-teacher who has been helping Mrs. Galvan and two other classroom teachers, says that the trip to the museum "certainly has widened the horizons of the children."

This successful trip inspired Principal Vincent Chao to suggest that at least one tour a month should be made.

Touring a museum has been considered one of the best mans of educating people. Susan Hughes, museum director of education said, "Museums hold a special place in American society. More than any other institution, they are instrumental in the preservation and interpretation of our culture and natural heritage. They are out collective memory, our chonicles of human creativity, our window on the world. For people of all ages and from all walks of life, our museums are gathering places, places of discovery, places to learn and be inspiried..."

Nothing fishy here, just a few fresh fake crabs in one of the museum's many hands-on exhibits.

Ms. Hughes says that museums are a national resource which contribute to our intellectual and cultural life because "their capacity for encouraging inquiry and vision make them a cornerstone of our society."

It has been said that a children's museum, of which there are about 100 in the United States, provides a learning environment fundamentally different from that provided by our schools. In a letter sent to the Visitacion school teaching staff, Ms. Hughes said, "A child's first museum visit will have a profound effect on the attitude he/she will hold toward museums for the rest of his/her life."

The Bay Area Discovery Museum opened on April 26, 1987. An initial 1500 visitors toured the place, and by the end of August 1989, more than 80,000 people from all the Bay Area counties and beyond visited the museum.

Forty-three hundred school children from 145 different schools from five Bay Area counties have visited the museum. In June 1989, 125 children joined master quilter Susan Bradford in creating four original quilts, two of which won awards at the Marin Needlework and Quilt show.

The museum's Halloween "Goblin Jamboree" attracts 10,000 visitors each year.

The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. $1.00 admission is charged with no fee for docent tours.

Curbside recycling needs your help

Curbside recycling in Visitacion Valley is considered a success by Debra Kaufman, program director. "We have between 60 to 70 percent participation," she said. "But we do need block leaders to make the program even more effective."

Kaufman is seeking volunteers who would act as a local representative of the recycling program. "We need someone who would take the responsibility to inform new neighbors about the program, receive phone calls if there is a problem with a bin being stolen or schedules. This is a wonderful way of training people in the community about the benefits of recycling.

"Recycling is becoming more and more important. Recycling conserve our resources, protects our landfill sites from filling up with garbage, conserves our energy resources and reduces pollution. Recycling is much better than being wasteful."

"This is a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors." declares Kaufman. "And it's a great way to serve your community."

For further information or to sign up as a Block Leader call Debra Kaufman at 554-4331.

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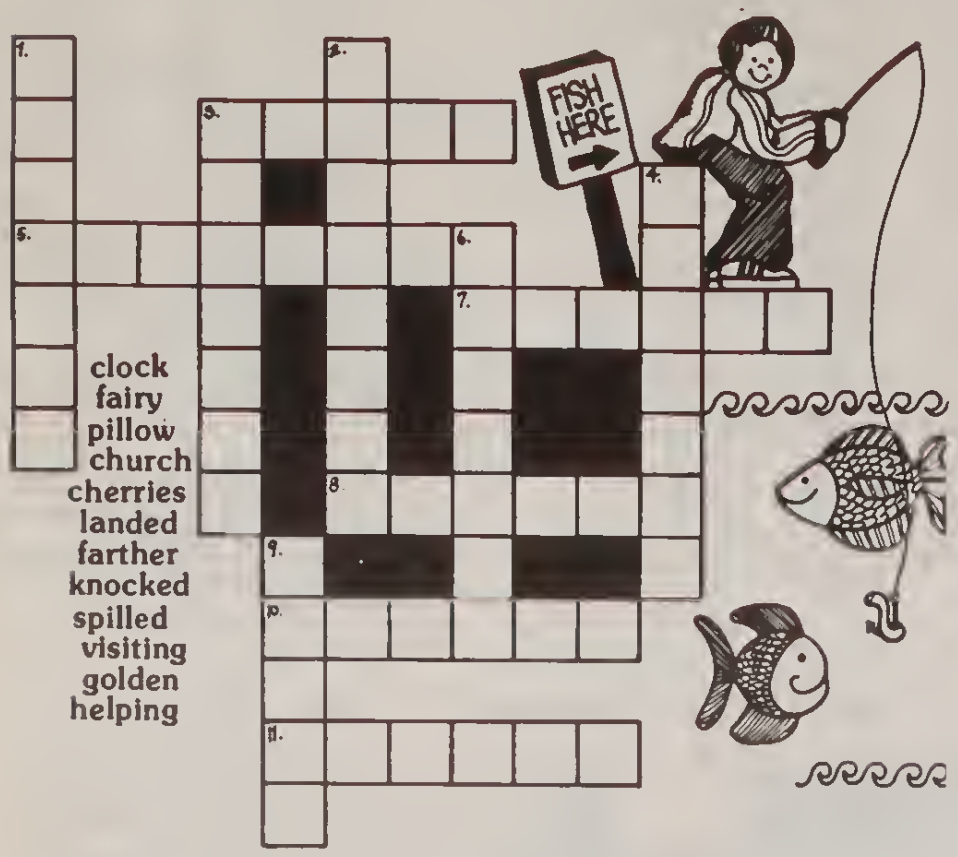

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ACROSS

Write the correct word in the blanks and then in the puzzle.

3. The tooth _____ left me a surprise last night.
5. We will need a ladder to pick _____ from that tree.
7. I was missing a _____ from my bed last night.
8. The princess was wearing a _____ crown with diamonds.
10. In 1969, astronauts _____ on the moon.
11. Many people go to _____ on Sunday.

DOWN

1. I _____ on the door, but no one answered.
2. Her grandparents were _____ over the holidays.
3. The store was _____ away from our house than I thought.
4. Ken is _____ Eric with his geography.
6. My little brother _____ his milk at supper tonight.
9. When it was 9 o'clock the broken _____ said 6 o'clock.

Can you find the hidden pictures in the picture above?

How Many?

Altogether, how many wheels are on 2 cars and 4 motorcycles?

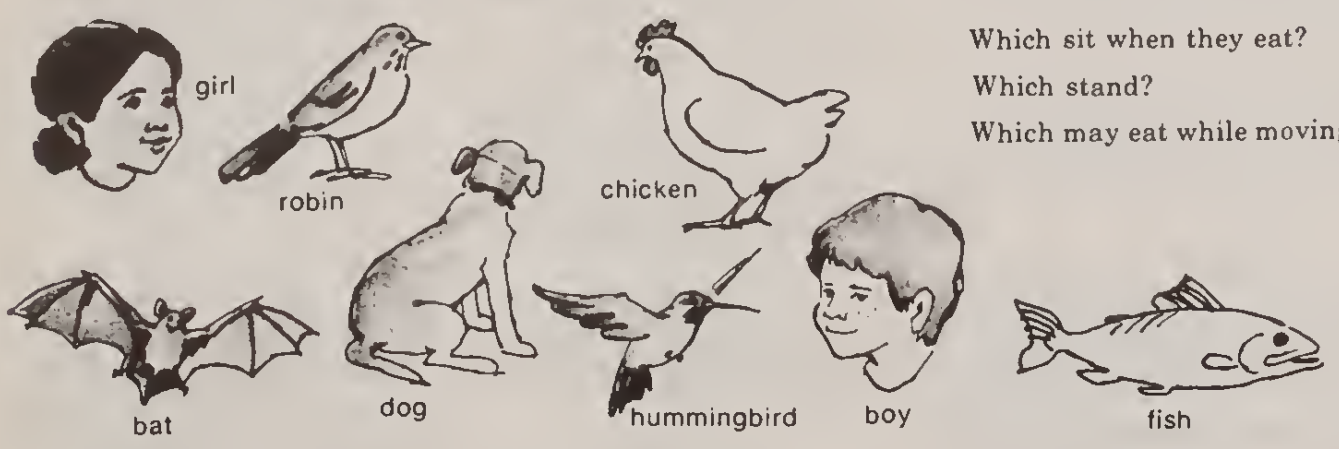
How many shoes are on 4 people and 4 horses?

How many tails are on 5 horses, 4 pigs and 1 person?

How many sides are on ten squares and 2 triangles?

How many sides, or faces, are on a pair of dice?

Do You Know?



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Which stand?

Which may eat while moving?

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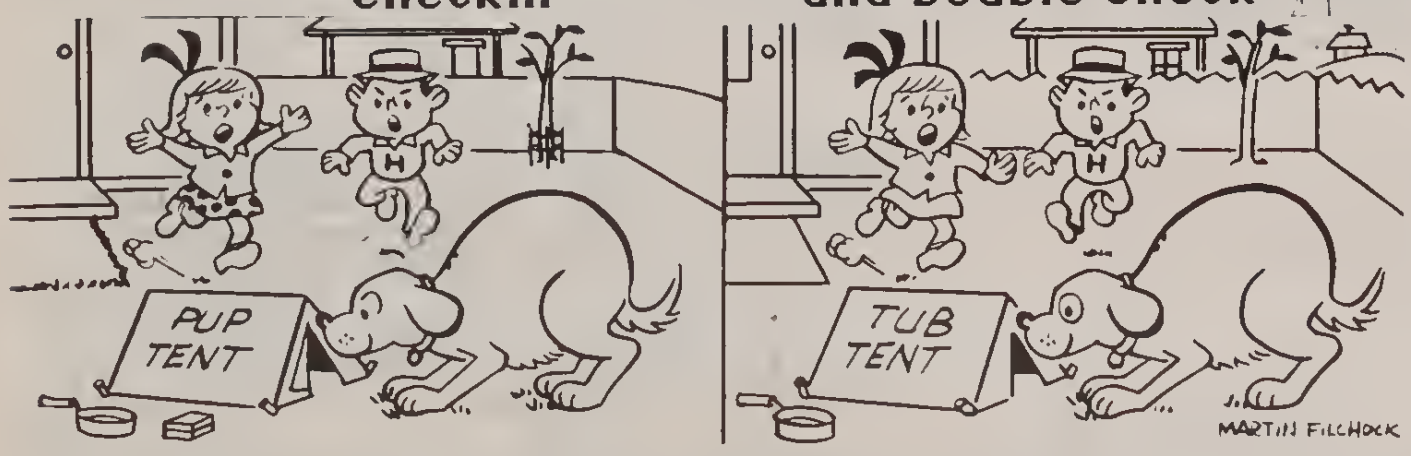

There are at least fourteen differences in the two pictures. How many can you find?

Finish this limerick

There was an old man from Peru
Who dreamed he was eating his shoe.
He woke in a fright
In the middle of the night
And _____

Please find answers on page 7

Bulletin Board

To our GRAPEVINE readers:

Since we ran the story on the Omega Boys (and girls) Club, we have received a number of inquiries asking for address and phone number. The Omega Boys (and girls) Club is located at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro Street, phone 826-8080

If your organization has a notice to pin on our bulletin board, send the information to Grapevine, 50 Raymond Ave., SF 94134. Deadline: 20th each month.

Celebrity waiters to dish-up some fun

Autograph hounds and celebrity watchers alike will have a field day at the Third Annual Celebrity Waiter Luncheon as over 100 stars from the worlds of sports, media and entertainment wait on tables to raise money for San Francisco school sports programs, Tuesday, March 6, Noon at Pier 35.

Celebrity walter Richard Hart

Co-chaired by Mayor Art Agnos, Sherry Agnos and Superintendent of Schools Ramon Cortines, the luncheon will feature celebrities who, during the past few years, have spanned the spectrum from Hollywood greats Aldo Ray and Danny Glover, to professional sports legends Nate Thurmond and Willie Mays. Colorful pep squads, rousing school bands and cheering athletes from local schools will add to the fun.

Entirely underwritten by corporate sponsors Wells Fargo Bank, Thrifty Jr. Corp., Markborough California Properties, RCM, Inc., Shinnyo-En California, Hawaiian Punch and The Sports Club Co., the event has raised more than $100,000 net each year at both previous luncheons.

According to Commissioner of Athletics Anne Heinline, the Celebrith Waiter Luncheon is vital in maintaining middle and high school sports programs in the face of shrinking budgets and deteriorating facilities.

Monies raised go directly to athletic directors at individual schools to purchase uniforms and equipment, for the repair of athletic facilities and for the maintenance of intramural and competitive programs.

For information call the Committee to Save School Sports at 392-4880.

Caution on microwave cooking

Microwave oven use has soared in the past decade. Nearly one quarter of American homes have microwaves.

Few people understand how a microwave works, and the National Safety Council warns that microwaves are associated with an increasing number of burn injuries.

Scald burns are the most common injuries, especially burns casued by jelly-filled pastry, baby bottles and whole eggs heated in microwaves.

Microwaves cause the water molecules in food to vibrate producing heat. It is this heat that cooks the food. Therefore, food high in water content tends to get hot before drier foods.

Thirty seconds in a microwave can heat the jelly in pastries to more than 200 degrees Farenheit - hot enough to scald. The dough which contains thousands of air pockets acts as an insulator, keeping the jelly scalding hot while the pastry is deceptively cool to the touch.

Other potentially hazardous uses of microwaves are baby bottles especially those with disposable plastic liners which can rupture when turned over or shaken; the interiors of eggs in their intact shells develop intense pressure and can explode like miniature bombs.

The most common scald burn results when a pastic wrap or lip is removed from a heated item. Vapor steam escapes and can burn items. One area may be very hot and another very cold.

Keep all hot liquids out of children's reach.

Visitacion Valley Dental Office

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Health Hints for better living

Beware coffee creamers, they are usually made of coconut oil which has a much higher level of saturated fat than cream. Diets high in saturated fats have been proven to be a contributing factor to clogged arteries and heart disease.

Physical inactivity also contributes to the risk of coronary disease and heart attack. A sedentary life style is in the same risk category as a high cholesterol level, high blood pressure or smoking a pack of cigarettes a day.

It is estimated that one third of the 1.5 million heart attacks that occur annually in the U. S. could be prevented if everyone exercised moderately.

Calendar

Feb. 3: Mrs. Barbara Render, formerly a supervisor in the Personnel Department of the San Francisco Unified School District and presently an Assistant Superintendent in the Fremont Unified School District, will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Field of Education from the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Beta Nu Chapter at their African American Historical Schclarship Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 3, 190. The Luncheon is being held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Tickets are available at $25.00 per person. Please contact Bess Ricketts at 695-5597 or Lois Sims at 221-1037 for tickets and additional information.

Feb. 4, 7, 17, 21, 24: Heartsaver CPR Classes teach what the cardiovascular risk factors are and how to maintain heart health. The 3 1/2 hour class also explains how to recognize the signs of a heart attack and what to do if someone near you has one. Specifically, the participants learn single-person CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the technique that can save a heart and a life.

Feb. 12 - 17: Meaders Cleaners, for the seventeenth year in a row, is offering 50 % off on the dry cleaning of any garment (except leather) that is red, any shade of red, or even has a speck of red in it. The 50 % that you pay will be donated to the American Heart Association.

Feb. 10:10a.m. to 4p.m. Catholic Charities will be training volunteers who would enjoy visiting older people or who have an interest in the concerns of aging or the care of Alzheimer's patients. The training will be at Dorothy Day Community, 54 McAllister St., one block north of 7th and Market. To register for the training session, call Emily at Catholic Charities, 558-7190.

Feb. 17: 9a.m. - 12:30p.m. Heartsaver CPR Class at District Health Center #3, 1525 Silver Ave. Call 468-1588 for reservations. $3 fee.

Feb. 24: 9:30 - 4:30p.m. A Day of Enrichment For Caregivers at the Collins Center, St. Cecilia's Church on 17th Avenue and Vicente Street in the Sunset district. This event is sponsored annually by the Catholic Committee for the Aging and includes a hot lunch. Although the suggested donation for the day is $10, participants are encouraged to give what is right for them, that may mean less or more than the suggested amount. Reservations and donation must be received no later than Wednesday, February 21. Call Sandi Peters at Catholic Charities, San Francisco, 558-7184 to register.

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Academic Decathlon set for Feb. 3

Thirteen San Francisco high school will vie for academic decathlon honors on Saturday, February 3 at Burton High School.

The Academic Decathlon concept orginated 22 years ago in San Diego and is now held in nearly fifty counties in California. The winner of the California state contest in Bakersfield March 8-9 go on to the national finals held later in the year. Last year's San Francisco winner was Lowell.

The teams consist of nine members, all of whom compete against their counterparts from other schools. One of the most exciting parts of the comp;etition is the SuperQuiz, during which the students are tested on a pre-determined subject area. This year's subject is "The American Indian."

Contestants take examinations in economics, fine arts, grammar and literature, mathematics, science and social studies; three communications tests - a written essay, prepared and impromptu speeches, and an oral interview.

The day climaxes with the SuperQuiz, a college bowl-type contest which generates as much excitement as any athletic event.

Competing schools which serve Visitacion Valley and Portola are:

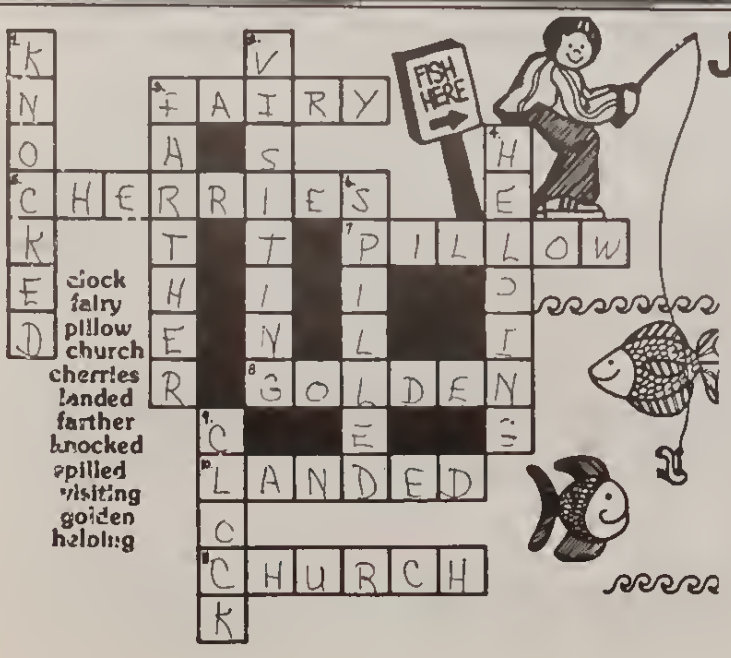
Balboa High - coaches Art Walker and Barbara Amrofell, Anthony E. Ramirez, principal.

Phillip and Sala Burton Academic High School - coaches Elizabeth Yee and Robin McGohn, Fredna Howell, principal.

Woodrow Wilson High School - coaches Eladio Cisternas and Maria Rosa Navarro, Elvira Dundy, principal.

Other participating schools are: Gallileo High School, International Studies Academy, Abraham Lincoln High School, Lowell High School, J. Eugene McAteer High School, Mission High School, Presentation High School, St. Ignatius College Preparatory, Wallenberg High School, and George Washington High School.

The GRAPEVINE wishes all contestants well, but we're rooting for our kids at Wilson and Burton Highs.



Just For Kids Answers

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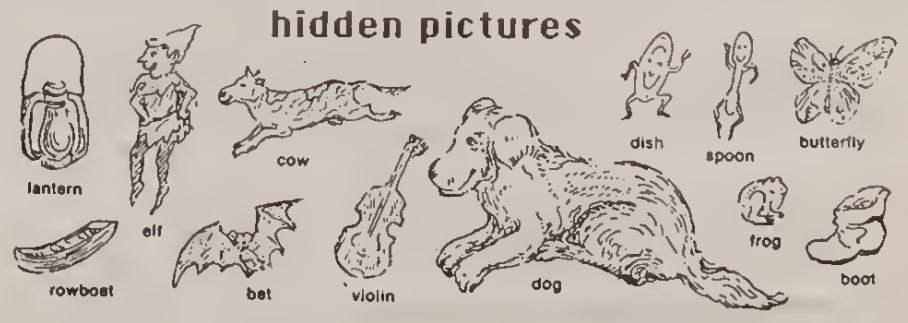
How Many?

16 wheels
24 shoes
9 tails
52 sides
12 faces

hidden pictures



Ciao Pinin

A New Career

By Joseph Porter

Now we come to the part about the King and I.

When I was told to report for duty, I was given an opportunity to show my capability to fulfill the requirements for the job I had applied for. They probably took it for granted I was well qualified and experienced.

I was far from feeling safe, and I anticipated a dismissal on my first day. Nevertheless, I hopefully showed up on time and attended the few meetings preceding opening day. We were thoroughly briefed about protocol and Court etiquette...Under no circumstances were we to speak to the King unless spoken to, and always we were to say "Yes, Your Majesty. No, Your Majesty," and, please make it short.

Those were the days of elaborate table service. Wearing tails and white gloves, we were expected to be immaculate at all times. We were lined up for inspection at the start of every day.

At that time, in Europe, waiting on tables was considered a noble profession and accredited schools issued diplomas to persons trained in the vocation.

Finally, we were assigned to our tasks. Waiters were teamed by twos and I had a partner. I could never have made it otherwise. My partner was an old experienced hand, very kind and patient. I suggested that that I would do all the heavy work if he would teach me the fundamentals. He was delighted.

Occasionally, the King and some of his entourage would show up for dinner. Although he was of royal blood, if he wanted to eat, he had to depend on humble people such as you and I.

This particular evening, he was at my table; his main course was either squabs or quails, I have forgotten which.

In the kitchen downstairs, I was given a platter full of birds, and I scooted upstairs. As I reached the top step, I stumbled and fell, the birds flying all over the place.

"...I stumbled and fell, the birds flying all over the place. A quick blowing and wiping, and they were all replaced on the platter."

The whole kitchen crew came to the rescue. Chef, cooks and scullions joined the hunt.

Finally, all the birds were recaptured and accounted for. A quick blowing and wiping, and they were all replaced in the platter.

Fresh, hot gravy was poured over the lot, and "Up you go, Pepe, and be careful this time."

I made it to the royal table where the Maitre d' poured brandy over those obstinate birds and set the whole thing aflame.

With an elaborate ceremony, I passed those sizzling, mouth-watering delicacies around the table for the approval and appreciation of the famished guests.

They ate them dirt and all.

There are two ways to see the world - one, as a tourist where you will always be an outsider and a spectator, the other by working your way as you go along.

Whenever you get a job in a foreign country, you become part of the scenery and you soon feel like a native. Thus, you will be able to learn the language and absorb their culture and their customs.

My main purpose in traveling was to learn foreign languages. I chose to work in hotels and restaurants to insure constant contact with the locals.

My luck in crashing my way, as a waiter into the highest aristocracy of Spain opened up new horizons for me. In those days of elaborate and fastidious dining, first class waiters were scarce and in great demand. I soon discovered I could work anywhere on earth and have all traveling expenses paid as soon as I broadcasted that I had catered to the King of Spain, a fact I never failed to mention.

While I was employed at the Savoy Hotel in London, a talent scout looking for waiters offered me a job at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec, with all transportation paid. At the time, the Chateau was considered the largest hotel in the world. Again, I could not have aimed at anything higher. I accepted, of course, as that was the culmination of all my dreams, my cherished hope to see that promised land called America.

I have divided my stories into two periods with a respite of forty years in between. The first period covers my youth up to the time I settled in San Francisco. The second series includes ten years of traveling around the world following my retirement as a senior citizen.

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Little Hollywood Reports

By Don Bartone

The Neighborhood was contacted by PG&E last year concerning a toxic waste cleanup that will be going on at the Geneva Avenue location. During that meeting we asked them to do something about the power lines that are always blowing down for the slightest reason.

I am pleased to announce that new power lines and breakers are now installed on Tunnel Road and throughout the neighborhood which will minimize how much of the neighborhood goes into darkness. Before, when one line failed, the whole neighborhood was without electricity. Now, if the lines blow down at all, a blackout will be limited.

The PG&E work on Blanken and Peninsula will also incorporate a new emergency feature that we never had before; an underground cistern to hold water for the Fire Department in case of a major water line break during a fire (such as in an earthquake).

The 101 Freeway sign that will warn us when the Candlestick Park Exit is closed is now in operation just before the Sierra Point and Brisbane exits. Look for it at the weigh station during ball games or other events at Candlestick. The CHP will put the sign out when they close the northbound Candlestick Exit. Try to take either the "Brisbane" or "Sierra Point" exits because the Candlestick will be closed and the Third Street exit will be a traffic jam.

"The 101 Freeway sign will warn us when Candlestick Park Exit is closed. Look for it at the weigh station during ball games."

I have now become a member of the City and County Office of Emergency Service by volunteering my house with a 6KW emergency power generator and amateur radio station to be used by the City in case of any disaster that may hit us. We were lucky the last time. The next earthquake may leave us without power (which would be needed for facilities in the Little Hollywood Park) or outside communications for a long time to come. These services were provided by "hams" in other parts of town successfully. This will be one of the key places to rendezvous in the neighborhood in case of a major disaster.

Sanitary Fill Co. is in the planning stage to completely remodel their whole transfer facility

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1990 Wilson High School Basketball Schedule

AAA League

Mon., Jan. 8	Balboa at Wilson	3:15
Wed., Jan. 10	Wallenberg at Wilson	3:15
Fri., Jan. 12	Lincoln at Wilson	3:15
Wed., Jan. 17	Galileo at Galileo	3:15
Fri., Jan. 19	Mission at Wilson	3:15
Tues., Jan. 23	McAteer at Wilson	3:15
Thurs., Jan 25	O'Connell at O'Connell	3:15
Mon., Jan. 29	Washington at Washington	4:45
Wed., Jan. 31	Lowell at Wilson	4:45
Fri., Feb. 2	Balboa at CCSF	3:15
Tues., Feb. 6	Wallenberg at Wallenberg	3:15
Thurs., Feb. 8	Lincoln at Lincoln	4:45
Tues., Feb. 13	Galileo at Wilson	4:45
Thurs., Feb. 15	Mission at Mission	4:45
Wed., Feb. 21	McAteer at McAteer	4:45
Fri.., Feb. 23	O'Connell at Wilson	3:15

Playoffs

Tues., Feb. 27	Team 1 vs Team 4	TBA
Wed., Feb. 28	Team 2 vs Team 3	TBA
Fri., Mar. 2	AAA Championship	TBA
Mar. 7, 9, 10	CIF Nor Cal Championship	
Sat., Mar. 17	CIF State Championship	

The public is cordially invited to attend the games and root for their favorite team

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San Francisco Conservation Corps wins prize

The San Francisco Foundation Awards Committee Chairman, Dr. William Gee, today announced that the San Francisco Conservation Corps has been selected out of a field of 80 nominees as the recipient of the 1989 John R. May Award for organizational initiative in response to a significant contemporary problem.

Headquartered at Fort Mason in San LFrancisco, SFCC is the first municipal conservation corps in the nation and was established by the San Francisco Private Industry council in 1983.

CBS News, in a nationally-televised documentary, described the SFCC as a "national prototype" at the vanguard of an emerging youth service movement in America. Its work was exemplified when minutes after the October 17 earthquake struck, corps members were on hand in the Marina offering their assistance in that devastated neighborhood, helping to escort residents from damaged buildings, assisting them in removal of possessions, and locating elderly and handicapped

persons homebound in buildings without food or water and taking them to relief centers or ensuring the provision of food.

The corps continued providing services for weeks following the quake, helping to patrol the Marina and making it safe for residents. It is still helping with recovery activities by conducting extensive repairs in community-based organizations damaged in the quake, and assisting in reconstruction of low-income housing for victims of the disaster. Robert M. Fisher, director of the Foundation commented, "The corps, through its outstanding performance during post-quake days, simultaneously served its participans and the larger community. We commend this selection."

SFCC reaches a population of inner-city, multi-cultural youth and offers an opportunity for skills training, education and leadership development through a program of strict discipline and hard work. The youth people, between the ages of

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I left Italy at the age of seventeen and roamed the world for the next twelve years. I call that period of my life my college education. I wandered from place to place, never lingering too long in any one spot. I always considered the whole world my playground, and I never took life too seriously. I was irresistibly drawn to new challenges and new adventures.

I have related a few of those adventures to enlighten you as to my ambitions and my outlook on life. I always traveled alone, making new friends along the way. In spite of the many changes, my life eventually began to follow a certain pattern, proving the truth of the French saying, "plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose."

Therefore, my next story will be the last one belonging to my first series. It is but a sample of similar and related incidents that happened during the following ten years. To describe more would be irrelevant and destructive to the object of these narratives. The few selected happenings I have chosen might hopefully provide delightful reading to a receptive audience. To be subjected to an abundance of them would be tantamount to inviting literary indigestion.

To be sure it was a period of fun and deviltry; a time to live life to the fullest, and that I did, without regrets. I would have continued indefinitely had not fate intervened in the guise of a passionate, tempestuous, action-filled love that inevitably led to my marriage...but that's another story.

Rebuttal

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invading Panama.

There have always been those folks who say we should wait and pray, wait and pray. I subscribe to the old saying, "God helps those who help themselves." For too long, the ruling classes have been helping themselves to the fruits of our labor and destroying the earth's environment in the process. Isn't it about time we helped ourselves by joining in, organizing and fighting for a better future for our children? As Marx and Engels said, "We have nothing to lose but our chains. We have a world to win!" It was true than and it is true now.

Maher

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the structure would save $10-20 million in construction costs for the turnaround, as well as reduce construction time by up to 15 months. With a "Transit First" policy on the books, the City must remain strongly committed to improving MUNI metro service as well as completing the proposed F line that would run along the Embarcadero. do we really want to place a mass transit line underneath a freeway propped up by concrete and steel?

It is critical that CALTRANS address the issues of cost, safety, and alternatives to the Embarcadero Freeway before any decision is made to reopen it. They have already spent #2 million and several forests of wood to ensure that it would not collapse in an afershock. They must be made to see that freeways are not the sole solution to traffic congestion. We must fight for our mass transportation projectsx, which ultimately serve more people and at less cost, financially and environmentally.

The residents of West Oakland have raised their voices in protest against having the Cypress rebuilt, claiming that it would once

again cut off light and fresh air th their neighborhood. San Francisco's residents and political leaders should follow suit and ask our state highway agency to take a long hard look at its policies and any alternatives to the Embarcadero Freeway.

What can you do to help? Write to the Chairman of the California Transportation Commission, and send copies to your state Assemblymen and Senator: Mr. William E. Leonard, Chairman, California Transportation Commission, 1120 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

For information on upcoming meetings, call John Holtzclaw of the Sierra Club at 928-8332, or Andy Nash of the San Francisco Tomorrow Transportation Committee at 929-8520.

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What's doing in the park

Senior Valentine Dance

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Admission is free. Dance to the tunes of Maury Wolohan and his band. Sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan Association. For information call 666-7043.

Games and Crafts of California Native Peoples

Experience the life of the Native Californians through active participation in their games and crafts on Saturday, February 3rd at I p.m. at Randall Museum.

Bring the whole family and join Margaret Goodale for this unique first hand experience of living history, for childrfen 5 years old and older, parents are welcome. This event is located at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights and admission is $1 per participant. Call 554-9600 for information.

Sign-Ups for Spring Adult Softball Leagues

Spring softball signups are nearing deadline. Rosters and entry fees can be submitted to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, February 12-17.

Two new classifications will be added to the league this year: Fast Pitch "A" and Women's Fast Pitch. Other league classifications include: Masters (age 35 and older), Fast Pitch "B" and "C", Modified Fast Pitch, Open, Co-ed, and Women's Slow Pitch. Games will be played Monday through Friday evenings; Saturday and Sunday days.

Bring team rosters and fees to the Athletic Division offices behind Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan and Waller Streets. Call 753-7023 for information.

Sat., Feb. 3:
Noon --"Gardening from a Beginner's Perspective," workshop by the Strybing Arboretum Society, an overview of the abudant resources available to the beginning gardener, Strybing Arboretum, 9th Ave. and Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, $8, call 661-0668 for information.

1 p.m. --Ballet/Jazz Class for 6 - 12 year olds, Alice Chalmers Playground, 670 Brunswick Street, call 337-4711 for information.

New Adult Programs offered at Portola Rec Center

Start off the New Year with a new hobby or exercise program designed for adults.

The Portola Recreation Center at Felton and Holyoke Streets offers programs and activities for adults from Tuesday through Friday, starting February 6th.

Tuesday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sewing
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Ceramics

Wednesday
9 a.m. - Noon Sewing
10 a.m. - Noon Bingo
I p.m. - 3 p.m. Walking

Thursday
5 p.m. - 8 p. m. Ceramics

Friday
9 a.m. - Noon Stained Glass

Instruction is free. Some programs require purchase of materials for individual projects.

All programs are sponsored by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. Call Claudia at 468-2875 for information.

Corps

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17 and 24, have produced model projects that win the praise of community members and have earned a glowing review in the August 28, 1989 issue of Newsweek.

The John R. May Award was established in 1975 to maintain the values of creative leadership fostered by the San Francisco Foundation's first Executive Director, who served in that capacity for 26 years. John R. May passed away on July 13, 1988, but the ongoing work of the Foundation, and the continuing tradition of this annual award, will serve as a reminder of the leadership and community service which are his legacy.

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Executive

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Executive Park is located six miles southeast of downtown San Francisco between Candlestick Park, Bay View Hill, and the Bayshore Freeway. Campeau chose the site to preserve Bay View Hill as a dominant feature of the landscape.

The rezoning process that accommodated the Park and the Candlestick Point Recreational Area brought large trats of land form industrial to non-industrial uses more compatible with residential livability.

The Park idea came into prominence in February 1970 when the Planning Commission authorized the Yerby Corporation to develop the tract as "low- density residential", wth up to 700 units of market-rate housing. In October 1976 the late Mayor George Moscone gave his approval to the project.

In December 1979 Campeau of California, a real estate developer, purchased the Park site. After taking over, Campeau immediately called a meeting of the Executive Park Advisory Committee, which consited of six representatives from the Bay View Hunters Point Area, three from Little Hollywood, and three from Vistacion Valley. The committee's major areas of concern and interest were traffic problems and employment oportunities at the project.

All three communities said they wanted market-rate housing rather than low-income military-style barracks on the Park site.

The Executive Park, which would replace 50 acres of unoccupied land, would consist of a total of 1.15 million square feet of office space, 234,000 square feet of hotel/meeting space (350 rooms), 45,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space, and 425,000 square feet of housing (600 units).

The Executive Park was to be built in six phases over a ten-year period beginning in 1986. The project would have provided about 500 person-years of construction labor during the construction period.

What is Executive Park's future ? No one knows. But we do know that there is a great demand for south of Market property with a high development potential, and the Park site has rich possibilities.

The people of the Valley and Bayshore must feel like early hunters waiting for the ice to thaw on the rivers and snow melt before they can look for food and new shelter.

While the wokers have no protection from business failures, the financial barons are protected from the rigors of life by the liberal bankruptcy laws that let them keep their money in the office safe, untouchable by creditors or employees.

Plants

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into the business of caring for somebody else's plants for a fee," Carla said.

"I will tenderly provide the following services for plants. I will clean, trim, water, fertilize, dust and polish their leaves, provide plant physiotherapy,

As a bonus to her old and faithful customers, Carla offers a 20 percent discount on any and all replacement plants. Prices of plants and services, she says, are governed "according to current market variations."

Carla's plant service caters mainly to offices, homes, parties and churches. She donates her service to the Portola Baptist Church where she is a member. Her clients are in San Francisco, San Mateo, South San Francisco and Hillsborough. She charges $100 per month minimum, and she requires a retainer fee.

Carla Stitt (Villanueva) got the idea of going into the plant care business some two years ago while she was still employed by the Gatti family. The Gatti nursery was about to move to Petaluma, and the four acre property on which the business was established was sold to a housing developer.

At the time a friend of Carla's told her, "You better go into the business yourself."

Today, Carla is in the business; although, still in the difficult stage of "taking off the ground." She expects to be in full operation by January 1991.

For the time being, Carla is helped by her three children. She borrows one of the Gatti vehicles and she gets her supplies from them as well. She says she will make it a practice to set aside at least 20 percent of her earnings to pile up adequate capital to finance her business.

Carla is also distribution manager of the GRAPEVINE and works for the hot dog concessionaire at Candlestick Park.

We wish her well in this new endeavor.

Hollywood

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into a modern recycling center that will be more compatible with the goals that we have to reduce the noise, traffic and stigma of living near the garbage company that we have had to endure for so long. A public relations firm will be working with us to find out what we would like to see in their final plans. This will be a master plan for all their property, not just one of two buildings, so it will be important to get input from our neighborhood. There will be some major changes that will affect us along with our property values.

There will be no CHIA meeting this month.

Mountain

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Buckeye Canyons has been a priority of Mountain Watch for many years .

The canyons provide critical habitat for the endangered Mission Blue, San Bruno Elfin, And Callippe Silverspot butterflies. This site also contains mixed grasslands and stunted shrubs which provide shelter and a food source to many bird species, including songbirds, raptors and owls.

Owl and Buckeye Canyons are located on the northern slopes of San Bruno Mountain next door to the city of Brisbane. For the last 10 years, The City Council has endorsed a policy to preserve these canyons as open space. Brisbane has apportioned $50,000 to a San Bruno Mountain Restoration Fund to be used in any restoration work or habitat preservation projects.

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